

Protesters' message to regents: cut fat, not faculty

By HENRY CORDES

Members of the "Save the UNO 21 Committee" said they will continue to demonstrate in front of the Eppley Administration Building as long as it takes to make people aware of their cause.

"Technically, what we're doing is holding a vigil to draw attention to the plight of 21 colleagues who will soon receive notices of termination," said spokesman Bernard Kolasa, associate professor of political science.

The group began demonstrating last Wednesday. Four faculty members carried picket signs from 7 to 9 a.m. in front of the Eppley Administration Building. Eight demonstrated Thursday and seven Friday, including two students, Kolasa said.

The signs included slogans such as "Cut Fat, Not Faculty," "Students Have the Most to Lose — Save the UNO 21," "Without Faculty and Students There Is No Faculty," and "UNO Faculty—An Endangered Species."

Although demonstrators carried signs, Kolasa said they are not "picketers" since the demonstrators have not stopped working and are not associated with any organized labor or bargaining group.

"It's simply just a small group of faculty who wanted to do something to help 21 colleagues from being fired for no good reason and draw attention to an inappropriate and unjust act," Kolasa said.

In that regard, the demonstrations are working, he said. Students have stopped to inquire about the reason for the demonstration, he said, adding it's important for students to get involved in the issue because they are the ones who will feel the effect of the firings and loss of classes.

Committee members are also talking to other faculty members about joining the demonstration, and have received inquiries from some, he said.

"We expect the numbers to grow, but we're not interested in having hundreds of people out there," Kolasa said.

He said 20 to 25 demonstrators would be a sufficient number, allowing them to work in shifts. This is particularly important during colder weather, he said. The demonstrations will continue daily from 7 to 9 a.m., when protestors are most visible along Dodge Street.

Kolasa said the demonstrators have little at stake in the issue since most of them are tenured and cannot be fired.

He said they are a "fairly representative" cross-section of the faculty. Some of them include: Eugene Freund, professor of educational administration; Mark Rousseau, associate professor of sociology; and William Pratt, professor of history.

The Save the UNO 21 Committee has no grand plan, said



Dennis Cleasby

Protesting regents' action . . . UNO faculty members Bernard Kolasa, left, and Mark Rousseau pace Dodge Street last week, expressing disapproval for recent cuts.

Kolasa, but the group does hope to make it clear why it opposes the reductions, ordered by the NU Board of Regents.

He said the firings were ordered to provide money for an as-yet-unsettled contract between UNO professors and the university.

"They're saying they'll probably need the money," said Kolasa.

There also is a \$1 million contingency fund from which the regents could draw to meet salary increases. The problem, said Kolasa, is that they refuse to do so.

Regents Chairman Kermit Hansen of Omaha said the board

doesn't currently have a \$1 million contingency fund.

In the previous two years, Hansen said, the board did have a fund which it could use for budget requests from all NU campuses. That fund was depleted earlier this year, he said.

The regents also have said all the cuts must come from academic areas, which Kolasa said is unfair when other areas could be trimmed to offset costs.

"I think it's important for people to demonstrate support in some way, whether by writing letters to the paper or joining (the demonstration)," Kolasa said. "A lot of people are very interested and they're doing something about it."

NCLU says 'quiet censorship' prevalent in Nebraska

Last of two parts.

By TOM HASSING

"We think the best thing we can do is not raise a cry of alarm, but rather raise the issue in a forum where individuals can become sensitized to the importance of intellectual and academic freedom."

— Charles Gardner,
NCLU Executive Committee.

Between September 1981 and August 1982, at least 70 formal attempts to censor materials in school and public libraries occurred in Nebraska, according to a Nebraska Civil Liberties Union study.

"It is an alarming problem, particularly at the school level," said Charles Gardner, who supervised the NCLU study. Gardner, director of the Hastings College libraries and a member of the NCLU's executive committee, said

"there is a higher level of 'quiet censorship' going on in Nebraska than might be suspected from what appears in the news media."

Judith Krug, director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, said the NCLU study indicates her office hears about a fraction of the censorship attempts.

Speaking from her office in Chicago, Krug said she verifies approximately 1,000 censorship attempts annually.

Challenges at 53 school media centers in Nebraska resulted in the removal of 27 items including magazines and movies, while 24 items were reported to be retained. A decision to censor three items was pending, according to an article by Gardner. The article appeared in the summer 1983 issue of the Nebraska Library Association Quarterly.

In 17 censorship attempts in public libraries, 16 of 20 challenged items were retained.

Gardner said he was not surprised that the level of censorship was higher in school libraries than in public libraries. "That echoes what has been discovered in other states," he said.

He said, however, he is disturbed by the number of librarians who said: "We don't have a censorship problem here because as books come in I scan them, and if there is anything there I don't like, I just tear it up and throw it away."

In the public libraries, one librarian and two library board members were reported to have initiated challenges. Seven challenges came from administrators in school libraries while nine censorship attempts were initiated by classroom teachers. Two challenges came from school board members.

The NCLU attempted to exclude elementary school libraries from the survey, instead focusing on libraries servicing seventh through 12th graders. However, Gardner said some school libraries only served high school students, and a few media centers in smaller communities served kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Gardner said the NCLU modeled its survey after one conducted by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union in 1981. The Nebraska survey included two questionnaire forms, one for public libraries and another for school media centers.

The NCLU sent out 278 questionnaires to public libraries and 116 (41.7 percent) were completed and returned. School media centers returned 216 (37.2 percent) of 581 questionnaires.

While this type of survey cannot be generalized to represent all of the state's libraries, Gardner said "with some degree of confidence we can extrapolate from the results that this is a true measure of what went on in one year."

He said respondents were asked not to report casual remarks, but rather only official or

semi-official attempts to have materials removed from libraries.

Does Gardner believe it is wrong for school librarians to remove materials they feel are inappropriate for certain grade levels?

"If they genuinely feel that the content of the book or the difficulty of the book is beyond the comprehension of a third or fourth grader, that's appropriate." However, he added, "If they are just bucking a potential problem, that's wrong."

The intent of the survey, Gardner said, was to assess the censorship climate in Nebraska and to use this assessment to formulate educational plans. During the next year, the NCLU will conduct workshops across the state to educate library trustees, school officials, librarians and others about First Amendment rights and intellectual freedom, he said. The results of the survey show censorship is not any more or less prevalent in anyone part of the state, he added.

Krug, who releases daily statements about censorship activities from her Chicago office, said that during the late 1970s approximately 300 censorship attempts were verified annually by the ALA.

In the fall of 1980 the number of attempts increased by about 500 percent, she said. By the beginning of 1981 the number of incidents reported to the Office for Intellectual Freedom decreased to about 1,000 per year — a rate which since has held steady.

During the past 30 years, the condition of the economy has been tied directly to the number of censorship attempts, Krug said. "As the economy becomes better, the number of censorship attempts decrease. As the economy becomes worse, the number increases," she said.

A number of factors have caused challenges to increase in recent years, Krug said. Those factors include the inability of the public to deal

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Censorship called 'alarming problem'

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with a highly complex and rapidly changing society, and a "crumbling" of traditional institutions such as religion, education, life-style and the roles of men and women, she said.

The economy is also important because libraries and schools are dependent on tax dollars. "There is no combination of factors that can make adults more skittish than their children and their tax dollars," Krug said.

Gardner said he asks himself whether there is a common thread among all the materials that are challenged. "It seems to me the focal point is adolescent literature," he said.

"This is where the 'trouble makers' seem to be. It's not with adult books or children's books, but books aimed at the 13-, 14-, 15- and 16-year-old young person."

These books, Gardner added, relate to a time in a person's life when he or she is moving from childhood to adulthood. "This point in a young person's life is very threatening to adults. When young people become independent human beings and think for themselves, (they may) question authority, tradition, sexual mores or their parents' wisdom or religion."

Books written by novelist Judy Blume were involved in 13 of the censorship attempts the NCLU identified. Gardner said this reflects a nationwide controversy concerning Blume's books. Why is Blume so controversial?

"These are books about adolescent young people addressed to adolescent young people," Gardner said. "She (Blume) uses the kind of language that teenagers use when they are among themselves."

Gardner said several of Blume's books deal with bodily changes that take place during adolescence. "The sexual content, in the eyes of some parents, is often very blunt and straightforward," he said.

One of Blume's books ("Are you there, God? It's Me, Margaret") was the subject of four censorship attempts. Gardner said this book is a realistic story about a girl who begins to question her, Christian faith. Parents objected to the book because they felt it promoted a doubt of God.

Gardner said the survey shows the best defense a school or library can have against censorship is to have policies to deal with challenges before they occur.

Gardner's article for the Nebraska Library Association Quarterly states: "Censorship, both in public libraries and in school media centers, was largely aimed at materials dealing with human sexuality, nudity, obscenity, and what were defined as 'moral issues'."

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'Androbot' steals the show at computer science fair

By CINDY GONZALEZ

A three-foot creature scurried around the UNO Student Center last weekend curiously investigating its new environment.

The 33-pound "Androbot" can walk, talk, remember and even socialize, but he doesn't do windows — yet.

Topo, one of the world's first personal robots, stole the show at the Computer Technology Science Fair, sponsored by the Campus Computing and Computer Usage Committee.

An androbot is a combination of an android and a robot. Multi-talented Topo, made by Androbot, Inc., is only an "infant," according to Kevin Ingoldsby, manager of a computer business called Computersmart.

Topo is four months old and is used primarily as a teaching tool for children.

"It's a tremendous incentive to learn and operate computers, because children can see the results physically," said Ingoldsby. "Topo be-

comes their best friend."

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Topo teaches about computers. It can also entertain, socialize and be a handyman around the house. The androbot made its debut as a waiter at Julio's Restaurant, carrying out nachos to customers, said Ingoldsby. Topo is equipped with a remote-controlled hatch which opens and closes and serves as a tray for carrying objects.

Several elementary schools have purchased androbots, at \$495 each, said Ingoldsby. Topo software also is now available for Apple computers and will soon be available for all personal computers.

A microprocessor which made the personal

computer possible has been used to produce other androbots such as B.O.B. (Brains on Board), the most advanced personal robot. Ultrasonic sensors allow it to maneuver independently and determine its own position.

Infrared sensors give the androbot the ability to recognize humans and move toward them, said Ingoldsby. Both Topo and B.O.B. are designed to accept new software programs which may be developed in the future to expand their capabilities.

Man is continually discovering advances in computer technology, said Charles Downey, UNO professor of mathematics and computer science.

The robot that can perform all the duties of man exists only in science fiction movies, he said. "Robots are not designed to perform social duties," he said.

Computersmart's exhibit was one of 18 exhibits on display at the fair.

In addition, self-guided tours were given in celebration of UNO's 75th anniversary. The tours took visitors through each college and showed how computers were used to handle daily operations.

A talking terminal for blind students was included in the computer science department tour. The talking terminal allows blind students to hear what they type into the computer. The machine is a composite of a Hewlett-Packard terminal and the Maryland Computer Systems speech synthesizer.

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Downey: UNO needs additional computers

Charles Downey, chairman of mathematics and computer science at UNO, discussed the possibilities and effects of computers in universities last Friday in the Student Center Dodge Room.

The presentation was sponsored by CPACS in conjunction with the Computer Science Fair.

Before the installation of the VAX II-780 computer system in the Fall of 1982, UNO's computer science facilities were definitely inferior to other universities, said Downey.

"The main problem now is that there isn't enough equipment," he said.

Enrollment in computer classes at UNO has "gone up dramatically" from about 100 students in the mid-'70s to more than 3,000. UNO currently has 40 computer terminals and 24 dial-up terminals, he said.

"Access to computing should be like that to the library—every student should have his own computer as well as access to a university mainframe," said Downey. That idea is not practical as a general rule, he added, but in the future, highly technical jobs may require individual computers.

Many students now are buying their own home terminals, but students must have account numbers before they can enter UNO's computer system, said Downey. But a home terminal does not assure immediate access to the computer because there is not enough power to allow students to use it simultaneously.

Downey added he does not foresee any "illegal access" to the computer.

Computers in universities, including UNO, have more potential than is currently employed, according to Downey.

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Time to march

When all else fails, take to the streets.

Or pound the sidewalk pavement, as in the case of the Committee to Save the UNO 21, which began demonstrating in front of the Epley Administration Building last week.

The committee is comprised of UNO faculty members and students opposed to action taken by the Board of Regents earlier this month. Bernard Kolasa, associate professor of political science and a member of the committee, said the demonstrators are involved in a "vigil" for fellow teachers.

The committee is not associated with the faculty bargaining unit, the American Association of University Professors, he said.

The regents voted to eliminate 21 faculty jobs and cancel 63 class sections at UNO, a move designed to provide about \$550,000 for faculty salary increases ordered (and anticipated) by the Commission of Industrial Relations.

UNO deans are scheduled to submit proposals to the administration next month as to which jobs will be eliminated.

Meanwhile, demonstrators have scheduled daily marches in front of Epley between 7 and 9 a.m., prime time for passersby on Dodge Street and administrators, staff and students arriving at UNO.

Invariably, many look upon such action skeptically. The key, however, is to ensure that the marches don't fizzle out because of other commitments, boredom, or cold weather. That's where students can step in.

The demonstrations offer students a chance to be seen and heard. The greater the number of participants, the greater the chance to make an impression on the regents and administration. A practical benefit: more demonstrators allow participants to split shifts and share the burden equally.

Protesting policy in this manner may not be the most attractive way to spend one's early morning hours. But it is proof that there remains in the UNO community individuals truly concerned about the future of their institution. For that, we should always be grateful.



Rep. Studds' act of courage proves manhood

By COLMAN MCCARTHY

Hyannis, Mass. — New England witch trials belong to the past, or so it is thought. This summer on Cape Cod, the reputation of Rep. Gerry Studds was burned at the stake by a large number of his constituents determined to torch the congressman for his private life.

In July, the House of Representatives censured Studds for having a brief, consensual homosexual relationship with a congressional page. That should have been the end of it. Studds said he acted stupidly and expressed regrets.

For many in his district here on Cape Cod — an area of coastline beauty where the sea winds might be expected to clear people's heads of vengefulness — the censure wasn't enough. The absurdity of the attacks on Studds peaked during a public meeting in Dennis, one of the Cape's 45 towns.

A petition signed by more than 300 citizens demanded that Studds resign from Congress: "We find his continuation in office an embarrassment. He has debased his manhood. He has given up the right to represent us."

Studds lacks manhood? What is more manly than, first, having the moral courage to face the music for your mistake and, second, having the political courage to meet the voters face-to-face for whatever wrath they wish to vent.

During the August recess, Studds didn't hide, nor did he announce — as is almost mandatory in the parliamentary proce-

dures of congressional contrition — that he has been born again to the ways of the Lord.

Studds skipped the street theater. Instead, he kept to his schedule of holding constituent meetings through his district. Few in Congress are as intractably available to the voters. Studds' office calculates that in six fatigue-proof terms he has held more than 700 constituent meetings.

If anyone deserved a break this summer, it was Studds. He wasn't going to learn that much more by holding another meeting in which gay-baiters would work him over and the righteous would have placards saying "Get the Gay Out."

The yammerings of critics in Cape Cod — that they want manhood, not effeminacy, in their politicians — represent a lingering though unfounded belief that homosexuals are afflicted, on top of all their alleged moral disorders, with spinelessness.

Only a decade ago, in the acclaimed book, "The Denial of Death," Ernest Becker discussed homosexual behavior as a "problem of ineptness, vague identity, passivity, helplessness — all in all, an inability to take a powerful stance in life."

As applied to Gerry Studds, this assessment has a stunning wrongness to it. It is out of whack, too, in the case of former Rep. Bob Bauman, the Maryland conservative who is anything but a "vague identity" now that he is a public advocate for gay rights.

In the decade since the Becker assessment, numerous hom-

osexuals have taken powerful stances against private attitudes and public policies that put scorn as the only proper response to gays.

As a result, gains have been made against job discrimination, though not enough. Employers from school boards to the armed services still punish those whose sexual preferences don't square with the local codes of conduct.

Progress also has occurred in attitudinal changes, though as the raspy scene in Cape Cod indicates, no homosexual in America can expect to be let alone by bigots and haters.

This summer's coarsest display of bias came in an editorial in the Wheeling (W. Va.) News-Register. Headlined "AIDS, Homos Stir Ugly Scene," the piece said "for its own sake and to avoid a possible 'epidemic' of intolerance and hate, the gay movement had best fold its banners and fade from the public scene."

The paper was pleased that quiet prevailed, at least locally: "The public backlash brought on by AIDS so far has not hit the smaller communities, such as Wheeling, because gays and lesbians in this area have kept a low profile. They have not gone overboard in joining these gay liberation movements, but have remained in their own tight little circles."

Should the circle ever untighten and Wheeling's homosexuals dare demand their full equal rights and civil rights, they might invite Gerry Studds to town. He is familiar in the ways of deflecting scorn and ignorance, which has been the epidemic homosexuals have suffered all along.

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Regarding The Gateway editorial of Sept. 23, I would like to bring to your attention that students may file their petitions for election starting eight weeks before the election. Students may then begin campaigning as soon as their petitions have been filed.

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Once again, I would like to emphasize that students may begin campaigning as soon as they file petitions for office.

Renee Duke

Student Government

Yesteryear

Rules are a great thing . . . if they make sense. However, issue has to be taken with a couple of them in the OU Student Center.

For one, the rule about no books, briefcases, coats, etc., allowed in the Student Center upstairs cafeteria. Humbug! We would like to know just what terminology is applied to those things women carry around. Of course, we saw an instance the other day in which the upstairs rules enforcement agency called a purse a briefcase. A significant "discussion" ensued.

... Anyway, the whole thing of checking property in has caused the five-minute, sophisticated cup of coffee to disappear much like the affordable semester hour. Ah, progress, thou villain!

We hasten to point out that an upstairs cup of coffee is sophisticated, too; and it tastes

better. We know it's the same coffee, but frat rat row and junior delinquent groups that frequent the rabble hole downstairs tend to sour the Brazilian Bean Soup.

Besides that, it used to be a "cuppa" used to be the thing between classes. Not so anymore. It takes too long to check in and check out and be fingerprinted.

We say a rule is a rule is a rule, but let's take them out of the high school category. It's easier to keep alert to people putting things on the floor, and asking them to move it out of the way, than it is to uproot the whole group.

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—The Gateway,
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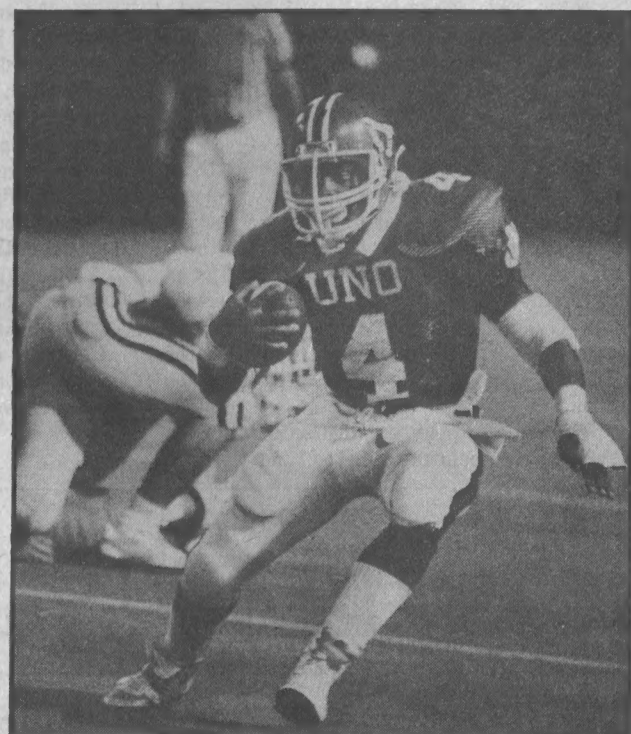
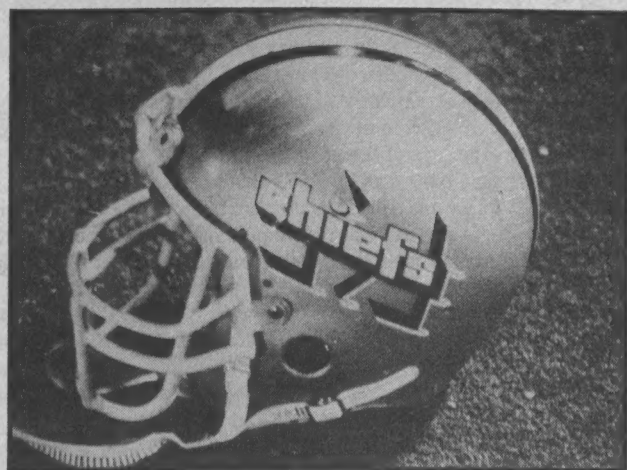
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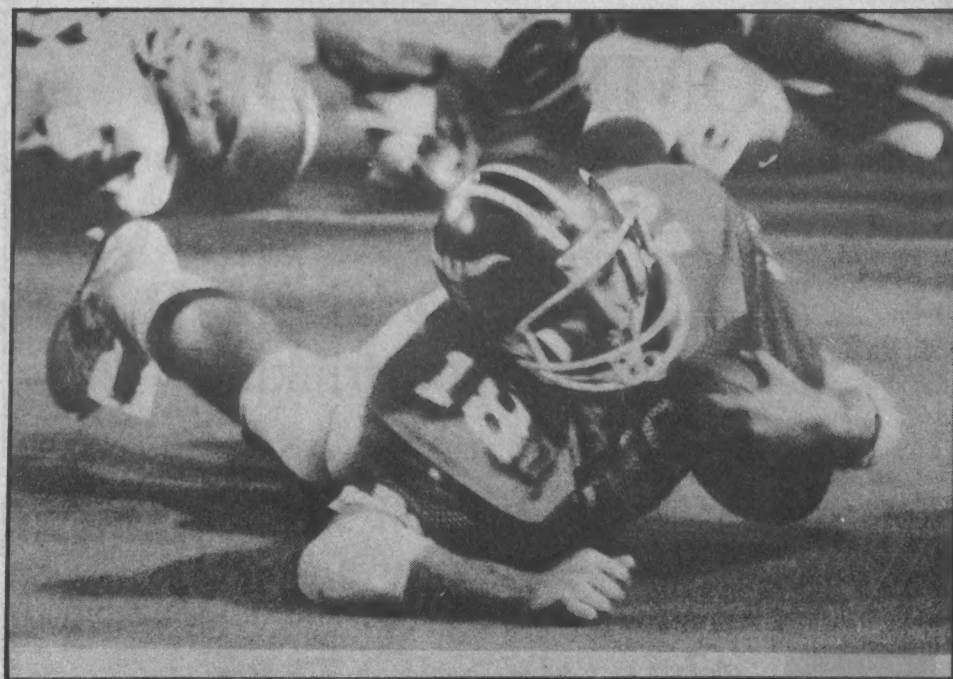
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Crunch . . . UNO's Dan Nielsen breaks up a second quarter Morningside pass play.

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Making sure . . . Kirk Hutton (17) flies to the aid of Bob Rupp to stop a Chief from gaining additional yardage.



Dennis Cleasby
On the carpet . . . UNO running back Bill Gillman holds on tight.

Buda enjoys UNO victory; team prepares for Bison

By ERIC OLSON

UNO head football coach Sandy Buda said he enjoyed the Mavericks' 38-0 win over Morningside for only 12 hours. He said a herd of Bison from North Dakota State is coming to town Saturday night, and the game could make or break the Mavs' hopes for a North Central Conference title.

"We can't enjoy this one for too long. The team has to concentrate on North Dakota State, and I think it's going to be a helluva game," he said.

The Bison have won their last 21 conference games while winning the last two NCC crowns.

Buda avoided injuries to his first unit by substituting heavily against Morningside. More than 80 players of the 100 who suited up for the game saw action.

The triumph over the Maroon Chiefs was especially pleasing for senior placekicker Mark Pettit. With 10:17 remaining in the first quarter, Pettit booted a 52-yard field goal, setting a new school record.

The 5-9, 194-pounder shattered his old mark of 48 yards that he shared with Fred Tichauer of the 1971 Mavs.

"I haven't been kicking that well this season," Pettit said. "I just thought about keeping my head down and following through. I never really thought about the distance."

Buda said he thought about the distance, and didn't hesitate to let Pettit make the attempt. The 52-yarder was with a 10 mph south wind at Pettit's back, and according to Buda, he was kicking 50 yards into the wind in pre-game warm-ups.

Later in the game, Pettit broke his own record for consecutive extra points, extending his string to 19. Pettit kicked 17 straight last year before missing.

Junior quarterback Randy Naran also had a good test against the Chieftains. Naran threw for one touchdown and ran for a score while playing only five minutes in the second half. He completed 19 of 28 passes for 243 yards.

Naran injured the little finger on his passing hand in the second quarter, but said he should be ready for the game against NDSU.

UNO took a 10-0 first quarter lead on Naran's scoring pass to James Quaites from 29 yards away. Quaites led receivers for the game,

catching four passes for 94 yards.

UNO took a 17-0 lead into the locker room following Naran's one-yard bootleg around the right side.

Brian Nelson's touchdown at 10:24 in the third quarter capped a nine-play, 60-yard drive that put the Mavs ahead 24-0.

Buda's substitutions were responsible for the rest of the scoring. Sophomore quarterback Scott Jamieson engineered two fourth quarter scoring drives.

"It was important that he got to play," Buda said of the 6-2, 204-pound Jamieson. "If anything happened to Randy (Naran) he would have to play."

Freshman Jeff Hardick capped a 58-yard scoring drive on a three-yard run around the left side to put UNO ahead 31-0. The 5-10, 206-pound halfback finished the night with 23 yards in six rushes.

Fullback Mark Evert lumbered three yards for a touchdown with 2:09 left in the game to finish UNO scoring.

The Chieftains never mounted a serious scoring threat except for a drive which ended at the UNO three-yard line. The Maverick defense forced incomplete passes on third and fourth downs to stomp out Morningside's scoring chances.

Buda praised the defense, which recorded its first shutout since beating Augustana 37-0 eleven games ago. "Whether Morningside made mistakes and should have scored, you have to credit the defense whenever they hold a team to no points. They played hard and put up a great goal line stand," said Buda.

Naran cited the Morningside defense for the UNO offense's relative ease at moving the ball. "We run into different defenses every week. But Morningside just happened to play a type of defense that gave us space to run the ball. They gave us a lot of openings," he said.

Nelson led UNO rushers with 59 yards on 13 carries.

UNO now stands 2-0 in the NCC and 3-1 overall. Morningside dropped to 0-2 in the conference, 0-4 overall. The Chieftains' loss to UNO was their 13th consecutive setback.

Kickoff for UNO's meeting with the third-rated Bison is set for 7:30 p.m. this Saturday at Caniglia Field.



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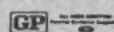
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The University of Minnesota-Duluth, now 13-0, beat UNO in three games, 15-7, 15-12, 15-11, in the championship match. UNO had run its record to 14-0 before the loss.

"Mentally we weren't ready. We didn't realize that they were 13-0 and as strong as they were," said UNO coach Janice Kruger.

Friday, in the round robin portion of the tournament, UNO defeated Northern Iowa, St. Cloud State and Bemidji University. All three teams lost in the minimum two games per match.

In the second round on Saturday, UNO downed South Dakota 15-1, 15-11. North Dakota State extended the UNO team to three games for the second week in a row before losing to UNO, 15-3, 9-15, 15-5.

UNO sophomore Kathy Knudsen was injured in the North Dakota State match when she landed on an opponent's foot and pulled a tendon. She was able to play in the final match against Minnesota-Duluth.

Kruger said that injury and the fact that junior Connie Janata is still recovering may have contributed to UNO's tentative play, but she didn't blame the loss on the injuries.

"I'm not sure they (UNO) believed that we were the better team. Our attitude wasn't right. We need to have more confidence," Kruger said.

UNO will have two more opportunities to defeat Minnesota-Duluth at the North Dakota University Invitational Oct. 7-8 and the UNO Invitational Nov. 4-5. "I think we'll show we're a better team when we play then," Kruger said.

Tonight UNO plays the College of St. Mary in a cross-town rivalry. Kruger said St. Mary is a young team that is doing fairly well. "Our kids coming off a big loss need to prove to ourselves we can do well," she said.

With the Lady Mav record at 14-1, Kruger isn't too worried about her squad. "We're a good team and one of the best in the area," she said.

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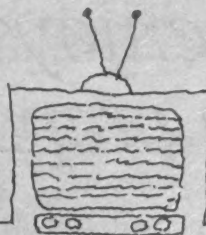
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